

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Participation

Mr. Charlie Mellon stated that he had a good time on the boat last Saturday morning. The Madam Carroll led the boat parade with all military veterans aboard. He also enjoyed the Iraq dedication at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon on the courthouse square.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that all is quiet. They will be stripping parking spots in the morning if it's not raining. Normal brush pickup the last few weeks.. Sidewalks will start pretty soon.

Sewer Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that as long as the rain will continue to go north and south of Monticello, he is happy. IDEM will be scheduling an appointment with Joe and the Mayor to discuss any alterations that may be needed for our long term control plan. Everything else is normal for this time.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is normal at this time. The water works house was broken into a week ago. They have caught the people involved, but they tore things up. He suggested more security once the new storage addition is built.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that Saturday's park celebration went really well. City Attorney George Loy praised Mitch on a job well done. Mitch felt like he had a very successful weekend, as well as the weekend before. The pool had the TSSL swim conference. It was attended by 1000 people. His department is putting in new playground equipment. Council Member Grace Oilar thanked Mitch for all his hard work on last Saturday's event. She said he put the smile on hundreds of little children's faces.

Mayor Thompson also thanked Police Curt Blount for his help this last weekend with traffic control. Chief Blount stated that his department is extremely busy. He received a \$1000.00 donation towards a new K-9 dog. He is really close to getting that accomplished in the near future.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that the departments has been pretty busy the last two weeks. The 4th of July weekend was not their busiest weekend, but they were busy with ambulance runs. His

department had an awards banquet on June 26th, and he thanked everyone for attending. His department was involved in the boat parade. He received a lot of great comments about the parade. He also has been working on his 2009 budget. Council Member Jim Mann received a card from Carol Griesey Whitaker thanking the fire department for their awards banquet. He shared it with the council and wanted Fire Chief Swaim to share the card with his department. The banquet meant a lot to her and the other families who attended.

Council Member Eric Storm went around town last week looking at run down homes, graffiti, homes boarded up, and homes sitting empty. He would like to look at an ordinance to address these issues.

Peter Dyer – Regarding Spirit of Monticello Festival

Peter Dyer is representing the Spirit of Monticello Festival. The festival will be on Friday, July 25th and Saturday, July 26th. He would like permission to block off Main Street from Harrison to Washington, Illinois from Washington to Broadway, and Broadway from Bluff to Railroad Street. Part of the street on Broadway will be open to access the Post Office. He would like the downtown lights turned off on Friday night for the movie. Street Superintendent Doug Roberts will take care of this, along with some trash cans. Mr. Dyer has gotten a dumpster from Indiana Waste. He asked Water Superintendent Rod Pool for the use of his gator for the festival. He asked Police Chief Blount for police presence. He is looking for volunteers for the dunk tank, and some of the council will be asked to participate. Park Superintendent Mitch Billue volunteered tables if he needs them. The Fire Department will fill the dunk tank Friday evening. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to block off Main Street from Harrison to Washington, Illinois from Washington to Broadway, and Broadway from Bluff to Railroad Street for the 26th of July for the Spirit of Monticello festival, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 2008-08 – Certificates of Deposit Investment Authorization Resolution of the City of Monticello

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is at Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar's request. She would like to be able to invest in CD's in banks anywhere so long as they are approved as a depository by the State of Indiana. The law does provide that if you pass a Resolution authorizing her to do so she can shop around for CD rates. This Resolution will expire in two years, which is the law. Council Member Bill Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2008-08 allowing the Clerk Treasurer to find the best CD rates possible, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer